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SUBJ: BOMBINGS AND OTHER DISTURBANCES IN KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 1829

1. SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH 1 BOMBING OF BUS IN NAIROBI (REPORTED REFTTEL), THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF OTHER POSSIBLY RELATED INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE HAD AN UNSETTLING EFFECT ON THIS COUNTRY. ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK THERE WERE 18 BOMB SCARE HOAXES INVOLVING GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN NAIROBI AND MOMBASA. NO BOMBS WERE FOUND, ALTHOUGH NORMAL ACTIVITIES WERE DISRUPTED BY BUILDING EVACUATIONS. ON MARCH 5 A GOODS TRAIN DERAILED NEAR VOI CAUSING NINE PETROL TANKER WAGONS TO EXPLODE AND WRECKING FOUR OTHER CARS AS WELL AS ENGINE. THE WRECK, IN WHICH THREE RAILWAY WORKERS INJURED, APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM SABOTAGE OF RAILS AT POINT OF DERAILMENT, ALTHOUGH CAUSE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. ON MARCH 1, J.M. KARIUKI, PROMINENT BACKBENCH POLITICIAN WHO IS FREQUENTLY CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT, MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED. SUBSEQUENT RUMORS RE KARIUKI RUN GAMUT OF HIS HAVING BEEN MURDERED

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BY PRESIDENTAL BODYGUARD, HAVING BEEN ARRESTED, HAVING

VOLUNTARILY GONE INTO HIDING. AS RESULT OF QUESTIONS RE
KARIUKI IN PARLIAMENT THIS MORNING, NATION PUT
OUT SPECIAL EDITION AT MIDDAY HEADLINING KARIUKI'S
DISAPPEARANCE.

2. TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF BOMB EXPERT ADVISING KENYAN
AUTHORITIES INDICATE THAT MARCH 1 AND TWO EARLIER
BOMBINGS RESULTED FROM LOCALLY MADE, METAL ENCASED DEVICES
PROBABLY CONTAINING DYNAMITE.

3. COMMENT. GOK MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SPECIAL BRANCH
ARE INVESTIGATING SITUATION, BUT HAVE ARRIVED AT NO
REPEAT NO CONCLUSIONS AS YET, NOT EVEN TENTATIVE ONES.
EMBASSY BELIEVES PRESENT DISTURBANCE INTERNAL KENYAN
AFFAIR, NOT INSTIGATED BY FOREIGN POWER. SOME RUMORS
SUGGEST THAT SOME OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS REFLECT AN
INTER-TRIBAL ACTION BY NORTHERN KIKUYUS TO EMBARRASS
GOVERNMENT.
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